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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO MRS. JONAS,
FIRST PRESIDENT BENYA, AND CHANCELOR KREISKY

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES SHOULD BE DELIVERED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THE SECOND IS ADDRESSED TO FIRST PRESIDENT ANTON BENYA AS THE MOST SENIOR PERSON CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESIDENTIAL FUNCTIONS. THE US GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THESE MESSAGES, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RECIPIENTS DOING SO, SHOULD THEY SO ELECT.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MRS. JONAS:

I LEARNED WITH THE DEEPEST SADNESS AND REGRET OF THE PASSING OF YOUR HUSBAND. HIS SERVICES TO HIS BELOVED COUNTRY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF STATESMANSHIP, AND I KNOW THAT HE WILL BE REMEMBERED, NOT ONLY BY THE

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AUSTRIAN PEOPLE, BUT BY PEOPLE EVERYWHERE FOR HIS EFFORTS

TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE. WE HAVE ALL LOST
A TRUE FRIEND.

MRS. NIXON AND I JOIN WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN
EXTENDING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY OUR MOST PROFOUND
SYMPATHY.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON.

END TEXT

3. BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY
ANTON BENYA
FIRST PRESIDENT
NATIONALRAT
VIENNA

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WAS DEEPLY SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT JONAS. AUSTRIA HAS LOST A DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT, AND WORLD PEACE HAS LOST A SKILLFUL ADVOCATE. PLEASE EXPRESS TO THE AUSTRIAN NATION THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON THIS SAD OCCASION.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON

END TEXT

4. BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY
BRUNO KREISKY
FEDERAL CHANCELLOR
VIENNA

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DEAR MR. CHANCELLOR:

IT WAS WITH DEEP SORROW THAT I LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF YOUR HIGHLY ESTEEMED PRESIDENT, FRANZ JONAS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY UPON THIS SAD OCCASION.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON

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